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The enlarged faculty, staff, and student body at Bryan University this year are shown above. To President Rudd's left in the center of the front row sits Dr. Harris H. Gregg, successor to Dr. Charles H. Currens as Professor of Bible.

Camera Club Organized

"Smile, please! Watch the birdie! Stand still!" and other such admonitions will soon be filling the air as the University Camera Club swings into action and the members, new and old, vie for honors in the proposed photo contest to be staged the second or third quarter, featuring the most unusual angle shots, scenery snaps, and views of interest.

The Eastman Kodak Company very kindly has offered to supply lectures once a month, accompanied by black and white and full-color slides to illustrate. Some of those to be given during the year are "Seeing Things for Keeps," "Snap That Picture," "Night Photography," and "Photography in Colors."

Prepared by experts, the lectures are mailed to the school in manuscript form a month before the date set for delivery of the slides. By such an arrangement a local speaker can prepare himself to present the material in an interesting way. Lecture and bulletins become the property of the club, the slides being returned to the company.

Bryan Students in "Who's Who"

As the result of a faculty election, Ruth Toliver and Ruth Dawson of the Senior Class, and Dean Geary and Dan Hirschy of the Junior Class were chosen the four most outstanding students at Bryan for the nationally known 1939-40 "Who's Who in American Colleges."

Character, academic rating, and leadership in extra-curricular activities were the bases on which the students were selected, only members of Senior and Junior classes being eligible.

Each of the four students has met the general requirements as well as having excelled in some particular line. Ruth Toliver is known for her artistic and musical talents; Ruth Dawson has been prominent in Christian service activities; Dean Geary has made his mark as a leader in forensics and in Christian service; and Dan Hirschy has specialized in Christian service (being president of the local Foreign Missions Fellowship) and in art.

Formality Plus

Ultra-formal was the atmosphere which characterized the formal dinner given in the regular dining hall on the night of November 7th—ultra-formal, that is, as compared to the usual spirit of informality and fellowship at regular meal times.

In celebration of Bryan University's tenth year of operation, the program included talks by Mr. Fish, former student and now instructor, on the history of the University, by Mr. Lynip on "It Is Nice to Be Natural, If You Are Naturally Nice," by Prof. McMurry on "The Octagon—Then and Now," and by President Rudd on the future of the University. As guests each lighted the small red candles before them, President Rudd pointed out that the purpose of the University was to give light, first to its students, then, through those students, to the "uttermost parts of the world." Though no one "candle" caused a very great light, as each flame joined those already in service, the light increased and expanded, seeking and enlightening the darkest corners of the room. Thus it is—as the University moves forward through the grace of God, graduates will fill their places in the world and take up the work, adding testimony unto testimony, until the flame burns brighter and brighter, pointing others to Him who is the Light of the World.

... BRYAN SAID ...

The purpose of education is not merely to develop the mind; it is to prepare men and women for society's work and for citizenship. . . . The measure of a school cannot be gathered from an inspection of the examination papers; the conception of life which the graduate carries away must be counted in estimating the benefits conferred.

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— God Above All —

Reasons for Thanksgiving



Bryan University needs no presidential proclamation to suggest that we should be thankful to the Lord for what He has done, nor need we quibble over dates. Every day is a day of thanksgiving on Bryan Hill, for our God does, indeed, supply our needs from day to day, testing often, but failing never. To spend one day in close touch with the campus activities is to find countless reasons for thanksgiving—spiritual blessings, material blessings, the blessings of a Christian fellowship, the blessings of opportunities for service to the King.

When Bryan University had no building in which to hold classes and planned to do so in local churches, the high school students moved into a new building, and the county turned the old structure over to the University.

When, on many occasions, the larder was almost empty and the bank account approaching the overdrawn stage, the Lord provided graciously, and the work went on.

When more rooms were needed overhead, again He provided the money and made possible a construction program which has enabled us to care for the enlarged group of students and staff members this year.

When card appeals were sent out asking for a thousand dollars with which to erect partitions last summer, over a hundred gifts were received, ranging in size from 50 cents to \$200.00. The total amount was \$984.88, enough to do the work then necessary.

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Toliver Sends News from China

It is unfortunate that sufficient space cannot be allowed in these columns to carry in full some of the interesting descriptive letters received from Bryan's missionaries to China, Rebecca Haeger and Ralph Toliver. We quote briefly recent word from Ralph, written from Chungking:

In the last ten years after the revolt of 1927 and the Kuomintang (National Peoples' Party, of which Chiang is leader) coming to power, there has been a lot of trouble caused by Communists. We saw watch-and-rifle towers surrounding the towns and villages, Chiang's special strategy in defeating the Communists.

The last raid was the worst we have seen since coming here. The raiders came in four groups at intervals during the night; there were 9, 9, 18, and 9 planes, respectively. There was a great deal more anti-aircraft firing than we had seen all together up to that time, and the defending planes put up the best resistance. To see the shells bursting, the bombs exploding, the tracer bullets cutting through the air, the beams of the eight or ten searchlights, is a sight indeed.

This is surely a time of unparalleled opportunity for the Gospel in China. Mr. Findlay has been telling us of the demand for Bibles in Free China: Not long ago a pastor walked into his office, put down \$1,000.00 in cash and said he wanted that many Bibles. They could not sell them to him, as their supply was already asked for. Not long ago Madame Chiang requested 12,000 Bible portions, to be included in the "comfort kits" going to soldiers on the Hupeh front.

Dr. May was telling us of one air raid. Not having a dug-out, the family got under the dining-room table when the planes came over, and there, while the bombs were exploding in houses nearby, they prayed. When they got up from their knees the little girl, just five, said: "Daddy, the Lord Jesus is the best dug-out, isn't He?"

Pray for these ambassadors in China and Mexico, for those Bryan workers who are in home fields, and for all missionaries giving out the truth everywhere.

DEBATE INTEREST GROWS

With the first meeting of the Forensic Union's second year, an enlarged attendance and attractive program seemed to insure an interesting debate season. Under the gavel of President Dean Geary, the general meetings are to continue the features of impromptu and extemporaneous speaking, music, and parliamentary drill, but to give greater emphasis to news summaries, essays, declamations, and monologues.

In addition, the Union is sponsoring a varsity debate squad, which is already at work on the Pi Kappa Delta question, Resolved: That the United States should follow a policy of strict (economic and military) isolation towards all nations outside the Western Hemisphere engaged in armed international or civil conflict.

There will be several exhibition debates on this subject in nearby high schools, and plans are under consideration to send a team to an intercollegiate tournament and to schedule a few contests with neighboring collegiate teams.

New Members of the Bryan Family

Deborah Childs

Of interest to Bryan friends will be the birth, on October 20th, of Deborah Childs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hobart Childs, new members on the faculty of the University. Newsette takes this welcome opportunity of extending congratulations to the parents and a welcome to Miss Deborah. May her life be one of abiding faith in and blessed service to the Lord.

Mrs. Childs and Deborah are expected to leave Huntington, Massachusetts, for Dayton the latter part of November.

Judith Ann Lynip

Hearty congratulations on the part of Newsette and its readers go to Mr. and Mrs. Lynip on the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, on the night of November tenth. May the Lord's blessing rest on them and on this new one whom He has sent into this family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynip are both members of the University faculty, teaching English and music, respectively.

Bryan University

STUDENT PASTORS SPEAK

In the first chapel program of the year presented by the Student Pastors' Fellowship, the message was given by Warren Oliff with the Scripture text from I Cor. 3:1-11: "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." I Sam. 15:22 emphasized the main thought of the speaker as he suggested that God wants obedience rather than service.

Preceding the message, Gertrude Allem sang "My Deliverer".

"Everyone desires to be great, but how can we be great in the sight of God?" was the theme used by Lowell Hoyt as he spoke on Nov. 7 from the first eight verses of Isaiah 6. In order to be great, one must see the Lord, be cleansed from sin, and hear the call of the Lord for service, he concluded.

A much-appreciated expression of this year's talent at Bryan was Mitchell West's solo, "Moment by Moment."

BRASS ENSEMBLE ORGANIZED

Under the direction of Miss Julia Anna Yancey, head of the Department of Music, nine students are being welded into an ensemble which will bear both watching and hearing. Despite the lack of a bass horn and a French horn, the group of nine—four trumpets, four trombones, and a saxophone—are already doing creditable work and give promise of furnishing entertainment and additional means of presenting the Gospel story some time in the near future.

The acquisition of an E-flat bass horn and a French horn would greatly increase the ability of the ensemble. Students we already have who can play them. Readers who know where either of these can be obtained would confer a favor by corresponding with the editor. Perhaps there is a Christian friend who would be glad to supply this need.

LOMBARDS PRESENTED

First of a series of special concerts and lectures to be sponsored by the University were the Lombard Entertainers. This versatile couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lombard, at one time traveling the Chautauqua route and appearing on the same day's program with William Jennings Bryan, gave to faculty, students, and local friends an hour of delightful music and fun, ranging from the *Toreador Song* of *Carmen* to the organ grinder's song, *Nicolini*, from *The Red Mill*. Generously interspersed with appropriate readings and concluded with an after-the-performance display of tricks, the program was voted among the most pleasing yet brought to the University.

Second on the series will be Ruth Linrud, well-known harpist and soprano, who will, in appropriate costume, render numerous folk songs, giving also an illustrated history of the instrument on which she has played before audiences numbering as high as five thousand. The date of her appearance at the University is set at January 11.

You Are a Parable

By Dr. Harris H. Gregg, Professor of Bible

God told your father and mother that you were going to be born. Your dear mother made garments for you. Your beloved father paid for them. Everything needed was prepared for that birthday. And the prayers of a Hannah and her husband gave a joyful welcome to their new-born child.^(a)

Everything had to be done for you. You could do nothing for yourself. And you let them do it. You accepted their gifts. You were bathed. You were clothed. You could not provide the clothes, nor pay for them, nor even put them on. You were fed. Then you were presented as a member of the family. They loved you. You were named. And you were protected.

This was all God's message to you, personally, of the provision He has made for you to become a member of His holy family. Your needs for this are so great and so many that it is just as impossible for you to meet any one of them as it was at your birth.^(b) But God prepared for this need, and has provided richly "to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."^(c)

God has paid the cost of every-

thing through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son.^(d) The death of Christ on Calvary is the most valuable investment eternity will ever hear of. By it God gives to His Son a redeemed, regenerated, and resurrected family and creation.^(e) It is God's greatest scheme of glory, through His unmerited and unmeasurable mercy to deceived hearts,^(f) guilty consciences,^(g) and minds at enmity against God.^(h) Human nature, and therefore, nature, is full of the corruption and violence of the world. Creation implies the Creator. Corruption implies a corrupter, Satan. Sin is degeneration.

You need to be "born again" by the Holy Spirit, using the Word of God.⁽ⁱ⁾ You cannot do this for yourself. Everything you need, therefore, must be the gift of God. Your part is just to receive this "gift of eternal life"^(j) by receiving Christ as your Saviour, and as Son of God.^(k) Then you are washed from your sins by His blood.^(l) You are clothed with "the garments of salvation"^(m) which are God's righteousness, holiness, and resurrection beauty and glory.⁽ⁿ⁾ You are then fed on "the

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HERE COMES THE COMMONER

Claiming that this year's *Commoner* is to be the best yet published, seniors are again taking up camera, pens, glue-pot, and rule to plan initial steps for the publication of the annual. At a recent meeting of the class, officers were elected as follows: Editor-in-chief, Connie Penick; associate editor, Ben White; business manager, Lillian Hummel; assistant business manager, Eileen Garwood; advertising manager, Howard Kee; circulation manager, Jack Smith; photo editor, Ruth Dawson; art editor, Ruth Toliver; adviser, Mr. Fish.

THANKSGIVING

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We praise the Lord who has from day to day cared for our needs, who awaits not one day a year for a day of provision, but who knows neither day nor night, time nor season, recognizing the need and supplying through Christ Jesus. Let our thanks be daily—unceasing—for He has done marvelous things for us.

WANTED—An E-flat bass horn and a French horn.

Miss Yancey, Gertrude and Sara Allem, Solon and Lowell Hoyt, and Dean Geary understood something of what the hymn-writer was feeling when he wrote "though the day be weary, the long night dreary" on their recent visit to Valley Head, Alabama. The car, suffering from electrical difficulties, gave so much trouble that the would-be Gospel messengers reached their destination at nine o'clock at night instead of six o'clock, to find their hosts for the service sound asleep. Very compassionately, Miss Yancey allowed them to sleep on, and her group returned up Bryan Hill at about the stroke of twelve—three Cinderellas and three sleepy Princes Charming.

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Miss Katherine Shaver was an over-night guest of Mabel Arnold.

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Visitors on the campus recently included Miss Louise Whitman from Altoona, Penna., who stayed several days with Jean Neff in the Octagon. Miss Whitman is planning to do missionary work in the mountains of Kentucky and just now is on an extensive tour of eastern United States, telling of her work and requesting prayer-support.

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Pictures of the student body, faculty, and staff were made on Friday, October 27, by Mr. Ryther, to add to the collection the Dean keeps for the school. Prints of the pictures are on sale (it goes without saying) by the junior class.



On The Campus

by
GEE-GEE

First taste of Saturday night supper entertainment came on the evening of November 4 when Mitchell West, accompanied by Howard Kee, sang "Because" and "L'Amour, Toujours L'Amour."

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Initiation of the freshmen was the calm before the storm (the storm being six-weeks' exams). One of the most delightful features of the whole affair, according to Octagon occupants, was the serenade by certain male members of the freshman class. The song was "Good-night, Ladies, We Have to Leave You Now."

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Many students and teachers hurriedly climbed into cars and rushed to witness the wiping out by flames of the large Dayton Veneer and Lumber Company, well-known Dayton establishment. Some even found opportunity to help in preventing the loss of a house near the burning buildings.

Jesse Humberd, Donald Dickie, and "Snitz" Rahiser, all of the class of '43, were elected president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively, at the first meeting of the Journalism Club on November 2. Plans for this year's work include correspondence with home-town newspapers and articles for the Dayton Herald.

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"Let it rain, let it snow; it doesn't bother us, you know" was the attitude of some thirty-five hikers on the afternoon of November 4, when gloomy skies threatened all kinds of weather on the annual Sophomore-Freshman outing. The hikers, armed against the cold with mittens, boots, and scarfs, walked to the old iron foundry near Dayton, where they built a big bonfire and roasted wieners. Games were played and choruses sung until after dusk, when the hilarious, if weary, crowd made its way back up on the Hill.

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President and Mrs. Rudd, Mr. and Mrs. Fish, and the Misses Sara and Gertrude Allem attended the Fellowship Conference held at the Chattanooga Gospel Tabernacle the latter part of October. Special numbers for the service were sung by the Allem sisters.

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The illness of Virginia Crisman brought much sympathy from Bryan students and faculty. All were glad to see her return to classes—and mid-quarter examinations.

WONDERLY TO MEXICO

A third graduate of the University has recently enlisted in the Lord's service in a country other than these United States. William Wonderly, a graduate of the class of 1936, having received his master's degree from Columbia Bible College last summer, attended the language study school at Camp Wycliffe. He has just recently gone to Mexico to take up actual mission work, the exact location of his station being unknown at the present time.

With "Bill" go the prayers and best wishes of many friends and members of the Bryan "family", who will watch with interest his progress under the direction of the Lord.

WANTED—An E-flat bass horn and a French horn.

YOU ARE A PARABLE

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milk of the Word". You are named, and written in "the Lamb's book of life".^(a) Christ's Father loves you ever after as He loves His Son.^(b) You are protected, "kept by the power of God", completely ready, in Christ, to be presented in glory at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.^(c)

Have you let Him do these things for you? Will you let Him now? Tell Him so.^(r)

(a) I Sam. 1:27; 2:10. (b) Rom. 3:19-24; 5:1, 9; II Cor. 5:21. (c) Jude 24. (d) I Cor. 15:3-4. (e) Heb. 2:10. (f) Jer. 17:5, 7, 9; Mk. 7:21-22. (g) Heb. 10:2. (h) Rom. 8:7. (i) Jn. 3:3-7. (j) Rom. 6:23. (k) Jn. 1:12-13. (l) I Jn. 1:7. (m) Is. 61:10. (n) I Cor. 1:30. (o) Rev. 13:8. (p) Jn. 17:22-24. (q) I Pet. 1:3-5. (r) Jn. 6:37; II Cor. 6:2.

AUTUMN FROLIC

Under the able supervision of Mrs. Llewellyn the evening of October 28 was spent in a most unusual manner, students appearing as they had never before appeared, representing characters ranging from the king and queen down to the wrinkled farmer, the Mexican cowboy, and the fisherman's son. The invitation to come to a "Nutspitality" party had been well heeded, costumes and games carrying out the theme to perfection. After due consideration on the part of three judges, Farmer Ben White was awarded the prize for the nuttiest costume.

A presentation of the playlet, "The Fatal Quest", done in the melodramatic manner, was well received by the audience—as were also delicious refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, and pumpkin pie, eaten "in the rough."